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## INSECT PEST SURVEY

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### THE PEPPER WEEVIL IN CALIFORNIA (Anthonomus eugenii Cano.)

Mr. R. E. Campbell of the Bureau's Field Station in southern California reports that the pepper weevil has been discovered for the first time in that State.

On November 23, 1923, several fields of Chinese bell peppers near La Habra, California, were found to be badly infested by this insect. In one field practically all of the peppers were damaged, and in this district alone the loss was estimated to be in excess of \$12,000.

Another infestation has been discovered in the San Fernando Valley, though here not over 10 per cent of the pods were found to be infested, and a third infestation was reported from eastern Orange County where a slight infestation was found in a single field.

The growers report that they have observed similar damage to this in previous years, but never serious enough to require control measures.

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